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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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BY FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

Robert Alan Dahl, Esq.
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RE: MUR 3774

Dear Mr. Dahl,

This responds to your June 19, 1997 letter, which we received on June 23, objecting to the Office of General Counsel's policy requiring deponents and their counsel to review deposition transcripts at either the court reporter's offices or at the offices of the Federal Election Commission. You asserted that these conditions would cause a great inconvenience to your client, Mr. William Harris, given his business and work schedule during the 30-day period the court reporter's office made the transcript available. Accordingly, you stated that Mr. Harris expressly does not waive his right to read and sign the transcript of his May 19, 1997 deposition, but would do so only if this Office would make a copy of the transcript available to you to facilitate Mr. Harris' review of it.

As I explained, the primary purpose behind this Office's policy is to ensure that the transcript does not leave the Commission's control during an investigation so that the integrity of the investigation is not compromised. Consequently, we cannot make a copy of the transcript available to you. However, to further accommodate Mr. Harris' schedule, this Office will make the transcript available for review for an additional three week period at the Commission's offices. Further, if necessary, I am personally willing to be available before or after normal business hours -- anytime between 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. -- to facilitate Mr. Harris' review of the deposition if prior arrangements are made.

I trust the above arrangement will make Mr. Harris' review of his transcript reasonably convenient. Please call me at (202) 219-3400 to schedule a mutually convenient time for

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Mr. Harris' deposition review anytime before August 2, 1997, or if you have any further questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dawn M. Odrowski".

Dawn M. Odrowski
Attorney

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